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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments.

25 Amendments

Please replace paragraph 1, page 1 as follows.

Please cancel claims 2-20 and add claims 21-30 as follows.

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1 In the Description

This application is a continuation of copending application number 09/729,491 filed on December 3, 2000. The present invention relates to an
5 expansion device. The device is adapted for maintaining the compression forces one work piece exerts on another. The present invention is inserted between two work pieces and is designed to expand if conditions cause the two to spread apart.

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